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PRODUCTION OF JOWAR RICE AND SUGARCANE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated production of jowar, rice and sugarcane in Tamil Nadu during this season;

(b) the support price fixed by the Government for these items in Tamil Nadu;

(c) whether the Government of Tamil Nadu has sought higher support price per quintal for jowar, rice and sugarcane;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): As per the first advance estimates for 2004-05, in kharif season the estimated production of rice, jowar and sugarcane in Tamil Nadu is 34.07 lakh tonnes, 2.43 lakh tonnes and 160 lakh tonnes respectively.

(b): The Minimum Support Price (MSP) of jowar has been fixed by the Government at Rs.515 per quintal while that of paddy (common) at Rs.560 per quintal and of paddy (Grade A) at Rs.590 per quintal for 2004-05. In case of sugarcane the MSP has been fixed at Rs.74.50 per quintal.

(c): No, Sir.

(d)&(e): Dot not arise.